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Syllabus, English 1002

Spring Semester, 2011

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Catalog Description of Course

A writing course designed to improve skills in critical thinking and analytical expression based on the reading of literary texts. Prerequisite: English 1001C.

Books & Materials

The handbook and dictionary you received from the Textbook Library, and online documents TBA.

Attendance

Attendance is required. You can skip class three times this semester without affecting your grade. After that, your grade for the course will be lowered by one grade for each time you're absent.

Classes missed for personal emergencies and health issues will not count in your "skip total" if you provide me with documentation. A "personal emergency" must involve a newspaper clipping or other reliable account of the death or hospitalization of someone close to you--like, a family member, girl/boyfriend, or best friend. (It really sucks that I have to write this stuff, but I hope you agree that it's better to make it clear now than to try figuring it out during the course of the semester.) Health reasons for missing class must be documented with a healthcare professional's written opinion that you could not make class. The Health Service's "Walk-Out" form does *not* qualify as documentation.

I will pass out an attendance sheet at the beginning of each class. It is *your* responsibility to sign your name on the list. If you show up late and forget to ask for the sheet at the end of class, or you space out somehow, that's going to be your problem, not mine!

Cell Phones, Texting

Please turn your cell phone off for class, or turn the ringer off. I will be fairly tolerant if you forget once or twice; this happens to all of us--but you may *not* answer your phone or place a call during class. Texting will not be tolerated. If you are texting in class I will ask you to leave, and count you absent. If it happens a second time I will consider it an ongoing disruption to my course and give you an F for the semester.

If you have a potential emergency that might require notification (for example, someone close to you is in the hospital and you are waiting on news--but not, for example, having a fight with your boyfriend or girlfriend) you must notify me before class, sit near the door, leave the ringer off and, if you receive the awaited text or call, leave class quietly to take your call and return only for the next class.

Late Work

I will not accept late work, unless we have made a previous arrangement.

Plagiarism

I won't tolerate cheating or plagiarism. Here is what Eastern's Office of Student Standards advises me to do if you cheat or plagiarize: "The value that we place on education should be reflected in our response to academic misconduct. In the absence of mitigating factors we recommend that an F for the course should be the minimum appropriate response for deliberate violations. Giving a failing grade solely on the test or assignment may in actuality be no worse than the student might have gotten had there been no effort to raise the grade through dishonesty. Consider, too, the unlikelihood that you caught this student the first time he or she chose to cheat on an educational assignment."

Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please notify me and contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

E-Mail

You are welcome to send me e-mail. Since I receive so much e-mail, however, you are required to put your full name and an appropriate subject phrase in the message's subject line. I do not guarantee I will read your e-mail otherwise. It would be smart to keep a copy of every e-mail you send me--by putting your own address in the "cc" line, or some other means.

Grading

Your grade for the course will be based on the 100 points below. You must turn in all the assignments to get credit for the course. 90 to 100 total points will receive an A, 80 to 89 will receive a B, 70 to 79 will receive a C, and 0 to 69 will receive an NC (No Credit).

Paper 1: 25 points
Mid-Term Exam: 25 points
Paper 2: 25 points
Final Exam: 25 points

The details of these assignments will be posted online and discussed in class.

Grading of Written Material

I will follow the grading standards suggested by Eastern's English Department. The "Process" category may not always be considered; see individual assignments for details. *A grade of C, D, or F in any individual category will conquer the grade for the paper.*